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CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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PRICE CONTROL OF DRUGS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a): the number of drugs out of the current list of essential drugs prepared by WHO under the price control in the country;

(b): whether the Government propose to bring rest of the essential drugs from the said list under price control; (c) : if so, the details thereof; and

(d): if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

(SHRI RAMESH BAIS)

(a) to (d) : Essential Drug List prepared by the WHO is to provideguidance to countries wishing to standardize or minimize the number of preparations in their own drug lists. The selection of these essential drugs would depend on the health needs and on the structure and development of the health services of a country. The Ministryof Health and Family Welfare has prepared a National Essential Drugs List which covers 279 drugs. In Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 95,drugs have been kept under price control on the basis of criteria mentioned in the Drug Policy. Presently, 74 bulk drugs are under price control and out of these, 29 drugs are not covered by the National Essential Drugs List.